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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT AU PRINCE 1467

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, EAID, HA

SUBJ: SNEM CO-DIRECTOR REPLACED

REF: PORT AU PRINCE 1417

1. WE THOUGHT THE MATTER OF OVER-HASTY REPLACEMENT OF SNEM HAITIAN CO-DIRECTOR JOSEPH HAD BEEN LAID TO REST (REFTTEL). THE PROBLEM HAS CROPPED UP AGAIN, HOWEVER. THE RELEASE OF JOSEPH, TO BE REPLACED BY DR. CHARLES DAMBREVILLE, WAS RELIABLY REPORTED TO US OVER THE PAST WEEKEND. LOCAL NEWSPAPER ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT IN ISSUE OF AUGUST 25 (AVAILABLE AUGUST 27). MORNING OF AUGUST 27 MALARIA ADVISOR KARAM WAS SUMMONED TWICE TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR MEETINGS WITH SECRETARY BEAULIEU AND UNDER-SECRETARY GERMAIN (AIDREP IS ABSENT ON FOUR-DAY JEEP TRIP TO NORTH). AT FIRST MEETING MALARIA ADVISOR KARAM NOTED EXISTANCE OF FORMAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING DATING FROM 1963 WHICH REQUIRES UNANIMOUS ACTION BY SNEM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION TO CO-DIRECTORSHIP. SECRETARY BEAULIEU AT SECOND MEETING, WITH PAHO REP PONS ALSO PRESENT, ATTEMPTED TO CALL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VOTE ON DAMBREVILLE, STATING HE WAS UNDER EXPLICIT ORDERS TO INSTALL NEW CO-DIRECTOR IN OFFICE MORNING OF AUGUST 28.

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KARAM POINTED OUT HE LACKED DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND

ABSOLUTELY COULD NOT VOTE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING THUS IN EFFECT DID NOT TAKE PLACE AND DAMBREVILLE WAS NOT FORMALLY CONFIRMED IN OFFICE. BUT APPARENTLY HE WILL BE SWORN IN AT NOON AUGUST 28 BY SEC BEAULIEU REGARDLESS.

3. DAMBREVILLE IS WELL KNOWN TO EMBASSY. WITH MD, MPH FROM MICHIGAN AND LONG EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH FIELD, HE IS QUALIFIED FOR SNEM JOB AT LEAST ON PAPER. WE HAVE SOME DOUBTS ABOUT DAMBREVILLE'S INITIATIVE AND MENTAL ACUITY, HOWEVER (HE IS 66 YEARS OLD--A CONTEMPORARY OF FRANCOIS DUVALIER), AND ABOVE ALL ARE PUT OFF BY THE SEEMINGLY HIGH-HANDED AND PRECIPITOUS MANNER IN WHICH THE CHANGE IS BEING MADE.

3. FURTHER COMMENTS FOLLOW.  
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